



# Introduction to TurnItIn

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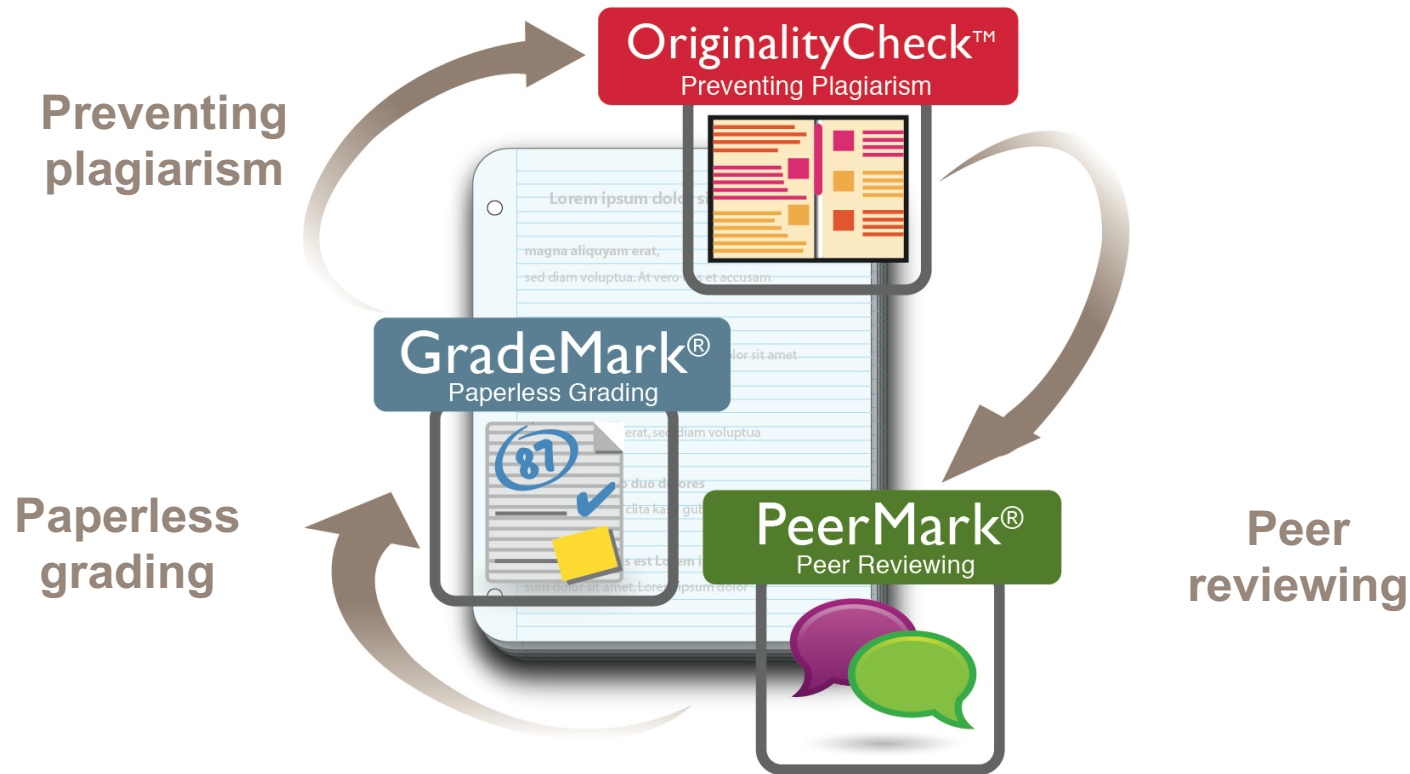
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# Purpose of this presentation:

- To introduce *Turnitin*
- To explain how *Turnitin OriginalityCheck* works
- To get faculty started on creating account, creating courses and assignments
- To show how to read the results of *OriginalityCheck*

# What is Turnitin?



Instruction on how to use *GradeMark* and *PeerMark* can be found on [turnitin.com](https://turnitin.com)

***Turnitin's OriginalityCheck*** is a tool designed to prevent plagiarism

- ***Turnitin*** is not just about catching cheaters and policing plagiarizers
- ***Turnitin*** can be used as an instructional support tool that helps students understand how to work with source material and integrate it with their written work

**OriginalityCheck** compares students assignments to the Turnitin database which contains ...

- billions web pages
- more than 100 million journal articles in electronic databases
  - » however Turnitin does not contain all databases in the Icelandic Consortia or RU special subscriptions, f.ex. ProQuest, Britannica, Karger ... are not included
- more than 220 million student papers
  - » of which about 25.000 papers in Skemman repository



**More than half of students plagiarism comes from other student papers!**

- Student's assignments are uploaded to Turnitin
- Turnitin creates a report which highlights the similarity between assignments and texts in the database
- The report depicts in percentages the matches between the student paper and other sources in the Turnitin database
- Turnitin creates a list with sources that match the student paper

English 101 > Medical Essay • Paper 65 of 65 •

Originality • GradeMark • PeerMark •

To Speak or Sign: Choosing Cochlear Implants  
BY JOHN SMITH

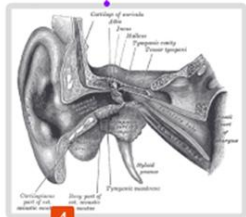
TURNITIN SIMILARITY GRADE  
65 9  
% INDEX OUT OF 10

## To Speak or Sign

*The Parental Pressure to Choose between Cochlear Implants, Sign Language, or Both*

On this <sup>1</sup>ise  
Sign language is a beautifully  
expressive, visual language using  
hand, body and facial expressions to  
convey words and meaning. However,  
as more and more parents are  
learning even as early as birth that  
their child may be deaf, more children  
are getting cochlear implants then  
ever before and there is fear that  
fewer and fewer children will learn to  
sign. In fact, as of May 2002, 69  
percent of babies born in the United  
States had been screened for hearing  
loss as part of universal newborn  
hearing screening programs. Such  
early identification of infant hearing  
loss represents a dramatic change  
from the situation that existed only six

with hearing loss were not identified  
until they were 2-1/2 years of age  
(Sorkin 2003). It is likely that the  
implementation of these early  
screenings have lead to the growth of



Cochlear implants within the United  
States to 20 percent or more per year  
(Sorkin 2003). Many parents view  
deafness as a disability that with  
cochlear implants can be cured. They  
desire that their child learn language  
and function "normally" in society.

### Primary Source View

Rank	Source	Similarity %
1	cochleartoday.com Internet source	36%
2	Lincoln Land Community College Student paper (from 2/27/06)	22%
3	Norwich University Student paper (from 12/24/09)	18%
4	JAMA Publication	13%
5	about.com Internet source	10%
6	Medical Examiner Publication	8%
7	Diablo Valley College Student paper (from 12/17/04)	5%

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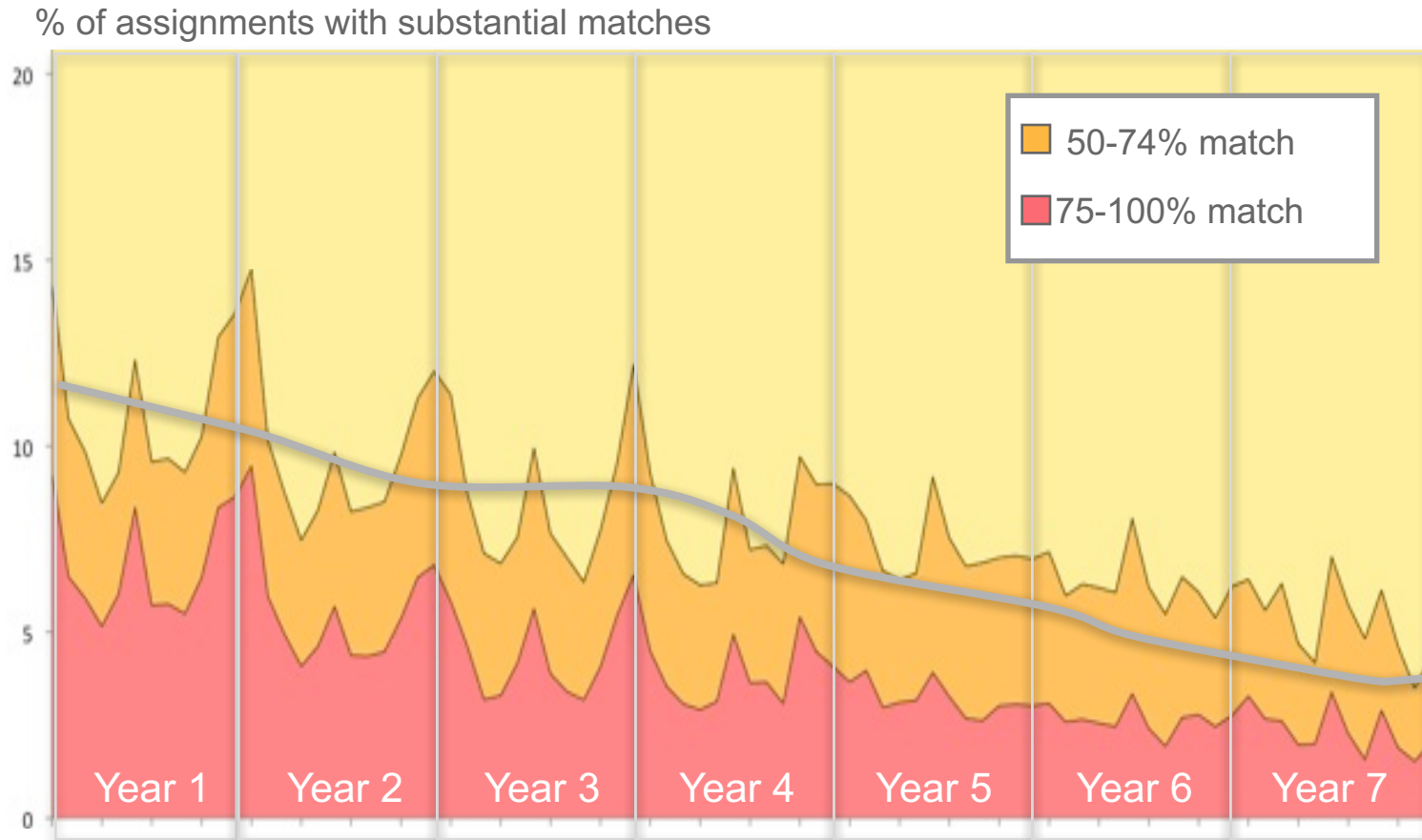
The *Originality Report* shows side by side the student's text and the source(-s) which match the text

You can choose to upload to ...

- ... *standard repository* – assignments are compared to papers within that institution and other institutions using Turnitin (users in other institutions can not view your institutions' paper without permission)
- ... *no repository* – assignment not available for comparison (feasible for trials and such)

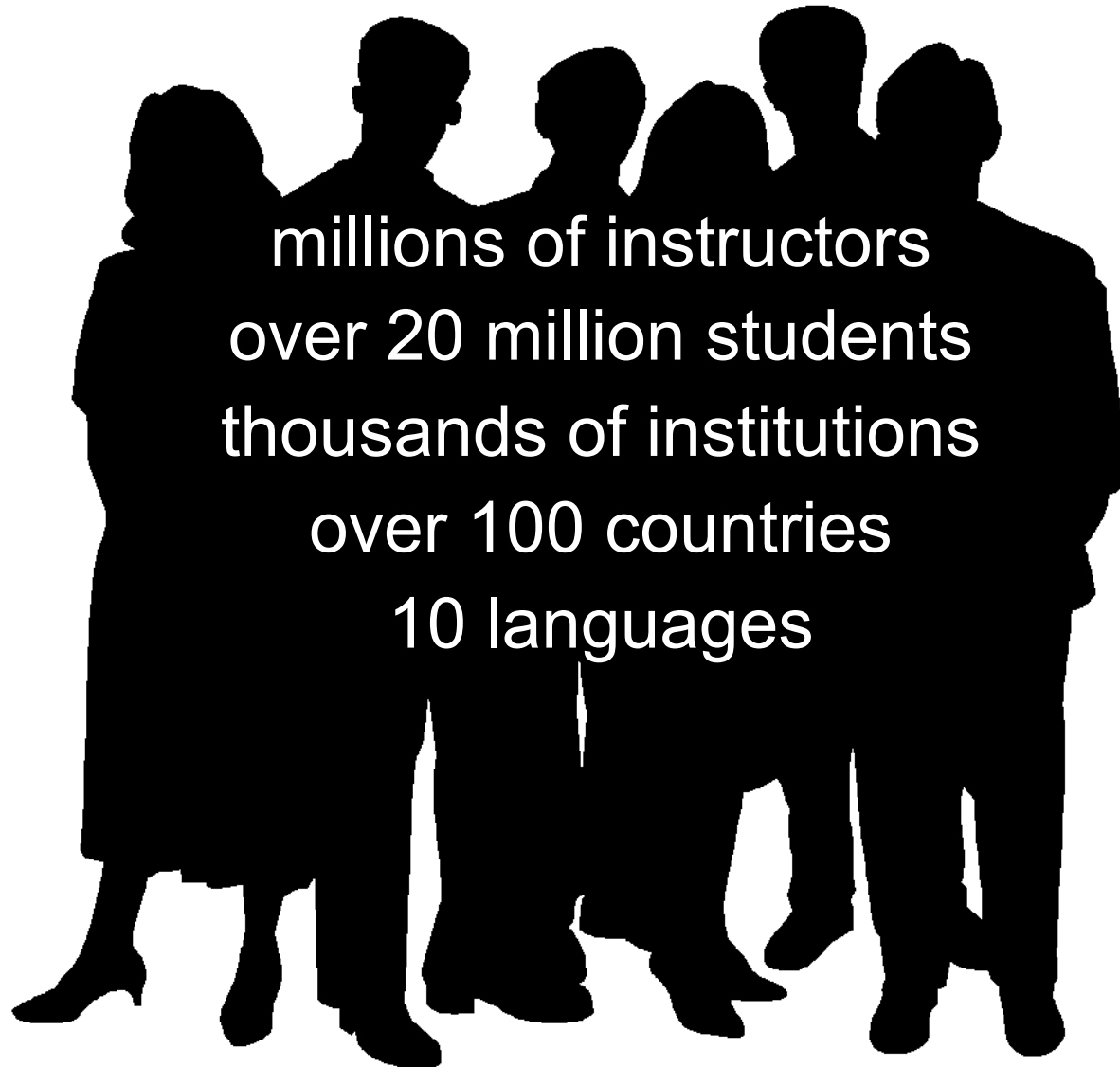


# Indications that Turnitin actually works



According to Turnitin's research incidents of serious plagiarism diminishes when **OriginalityCheck** has become a standard practice

# An evergrowing group of users



millions of instructors  
over 20 million students  
thousands of institutions  
over 100 countries  
10 languages

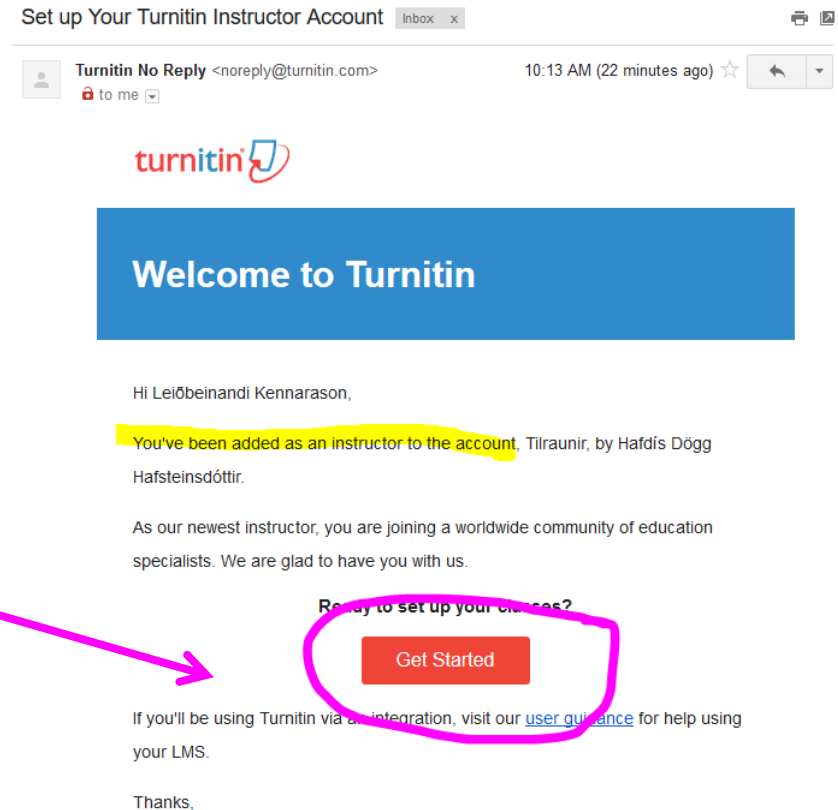


# Getting started as an instructor

1. Getting access to the system
2. Creating a class / course
3. Adding students to class / course (2 options)
  - uploading a list of students
  - distributing course number and course password to students
4. Creating an assignment
5. Navigating your TurnItIn page

# Getting access to the system 1

- Contact your institution's administrator requesting access to Turnitin
- The administrator registers you as an instructor in Turnitin
- The system sends you an e-mail
- Click the "Get Started" button in the e-mail



# Getting access to the system 2

- The “Get Started” button takes you to an introductory page within Turnitin where the first steps are explained
- Scroll down the page and click on “Create Password” at the bottom of the page

Setting up your Turnitin classes is easy when you know how. In just four quick steps, learn more about Turnitin's class management tools and how to get your students started. At the end of this tutorial, you can put these simple steps into practice.

- 1 Create Your Password**  
You'll need your email address and last name to create your Turnitin account password and set your security information; this information can be found in your welcome email. You can then log into Turnitin and begin customizing your account.
- 2 Create a Class**  
The creation of a class is the first step towards using the Turnitin services available to your institution. A Turnitin class groups assignments, helping you to organize student submissions. Once your classes have been created, you can start creating assignments.  
[Read More ▼](#)
- 3 Create an Assignment**  
Once your class is ready, it's time to set up your first assignment. A Turnitin assignment forms the basis of accepting student submissions. Once your assignments are set up, you start adding students to your class.  
[Read More ▼](#)
- 4 Add Students**  
There are three routes available for adding students. You may find it convenient to add students one by one, or add a large portion of students at once by uploading a list. Alternatively, why not allow your students to enroll themselves at their own pace?  
[Read More ▼](#)

Ready to Start Using Turnitin?

[Create Password](#)

# Getting access to the system 3

- Enter your e-mail and last name and click “Next”
- You receive a new e-mail  
You need to **validate your account within 24 hours**

Reset User Password

Please enter the email address you used to create your user profile. Click "next" when you are done.

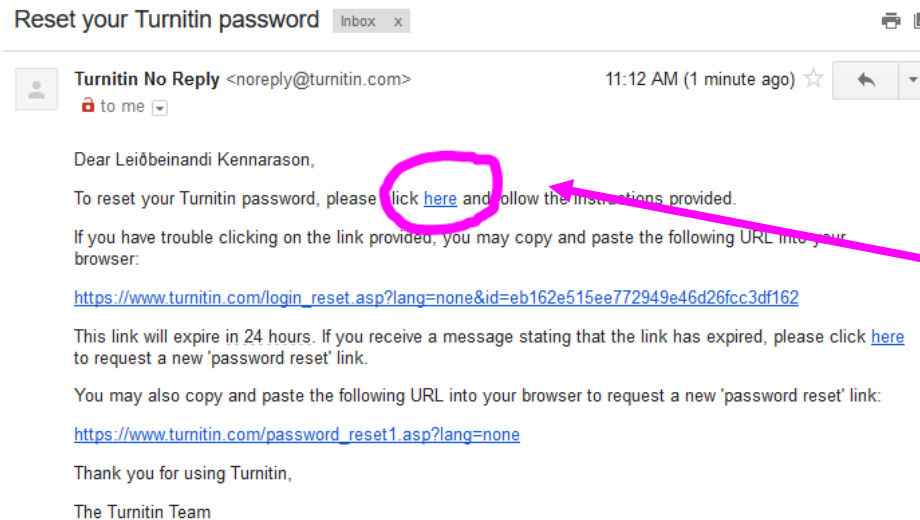
Email Address  
lkennarason@gmail.com

Last Name or Family Name  
Kennarason

If you do not know the email address for your account..  
Ask your instructor (or Turnitin administrator, if you are an instructor) to look up your email address.

NOTE: Due to privacy agreements, Turnitin CANNOT release your email address - even to you. You MUST get this information from your institution.

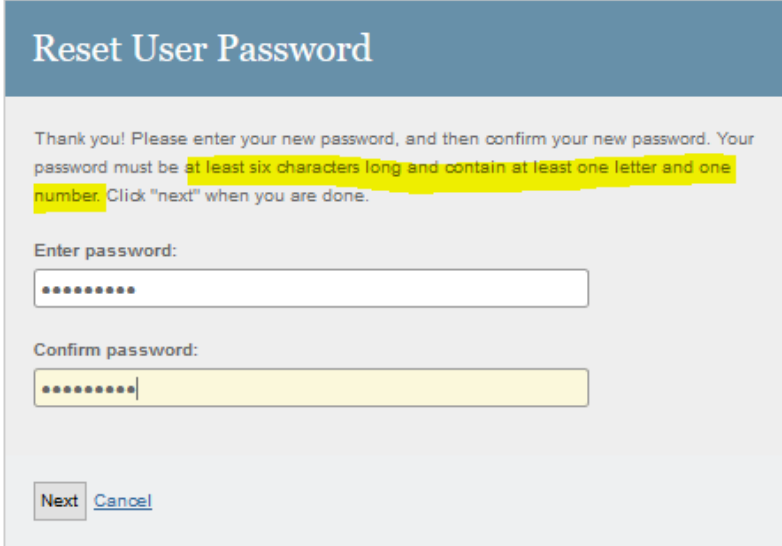
Next



- Click the link in the e-mail and follow the instructions

# Getting access to the system 4

- Choose your password
- The password must be at least 6 characters long and include at least 1 letter and 1 number
- Click “Next”
- Click “Log in Now” and log in with your e-mail and new password



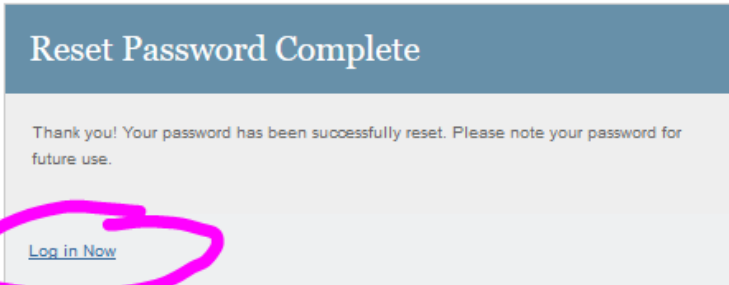
Reset User Password

Thank you! Please enter your new password, and then confirm your new password. Your password must be at least six characters long and contain at least one letter and one number. Click "next" when you are done.

Enter password:

Confirm password:

Next Cancel



Reset Password Complete

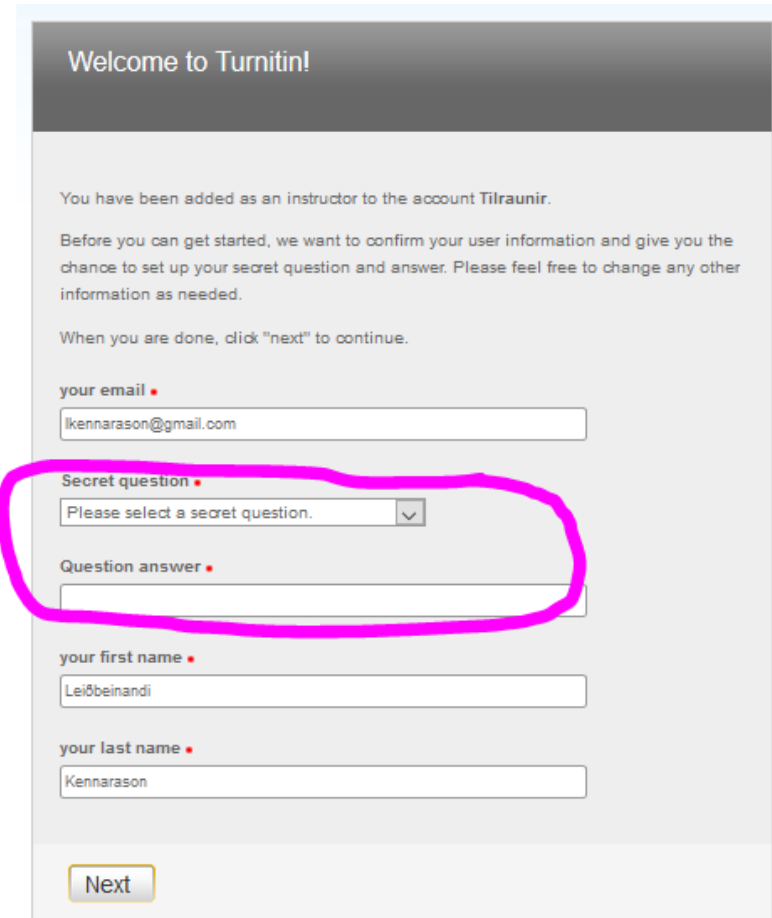
Thank you! Your password has been successfully reset. Please note your password for future use.

[Log in Now](#)



# Getting access to the system 5

- When you have logged on you need to choose a “Secret Question” and question answer
- If you forget your password and answer to your secret question you can still request a new password
- To finish you have to agree to user terms



Welcome to Turnitin!

You have been added as an instructor to the account Tilraunir.

Before you can get started, we want to confirm your user information and give you the chance to set up your secret question and answer. Please feel free to change any other information as needed.

When you are done, click "next" to continue.

your email •

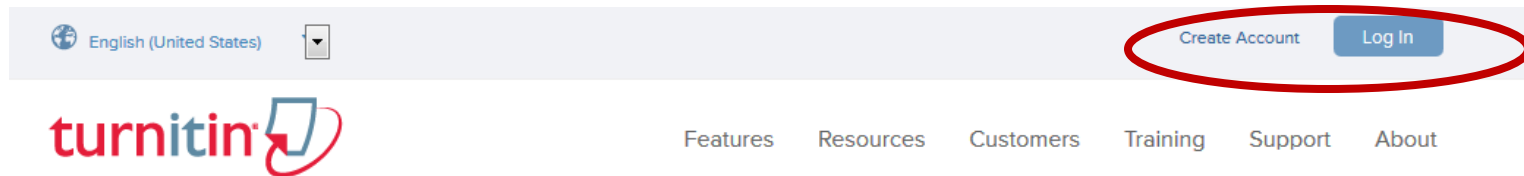
Secret question •  
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Question answer •

your first name •

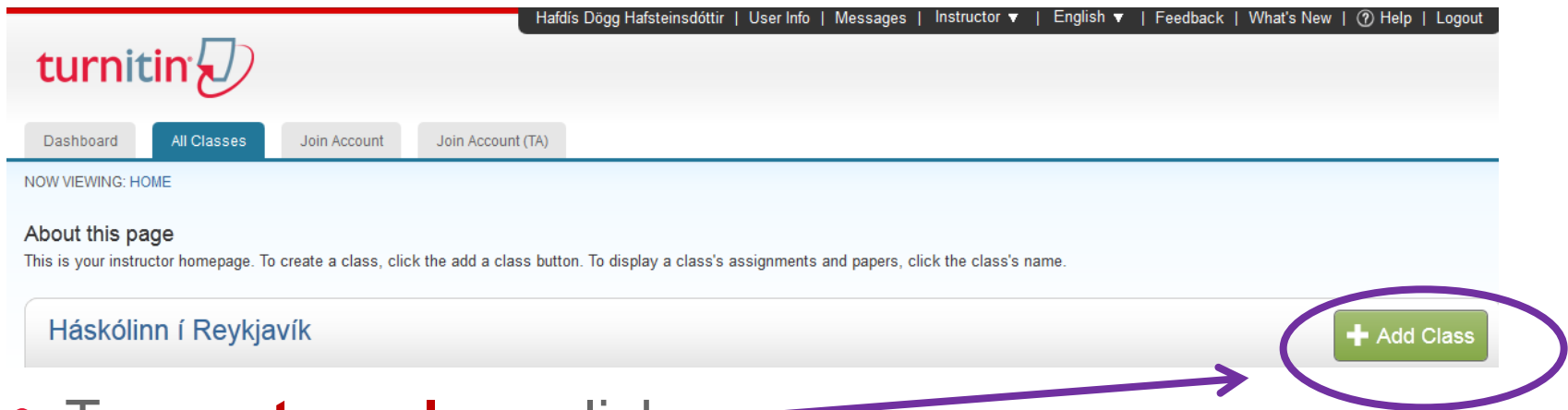
your last name •


- You can now start using Turnitin!
- After you've logged on for the first time you just go to [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com) and log in in the top right corner



- NB you always need to log in with your RU-email and the password you created

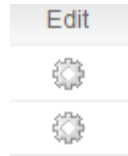
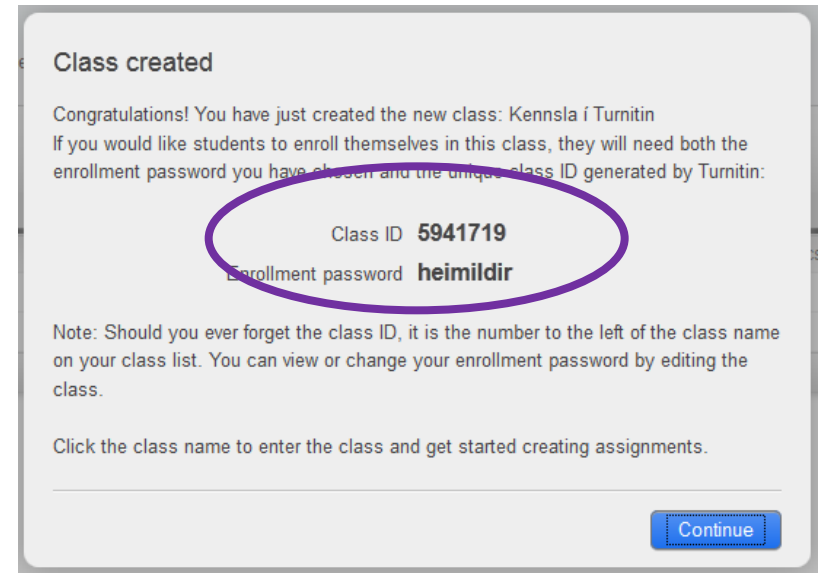
# Your home page



- To **create a class** click on 
- In a new window you need to name the class and create a password for it
- You can choose „Standard class“ or „Master class“  
„Master class“ is designed for classes with TA's and/or multiple sections i.e. lectures and math tutorials ...
- You also need to choose „Subject area“, „Student level“ and specify the end date for the class

# New class

- When you've created a new class you'll get a notification where you see the „Class ID“ which is a random number that the system chooses - you also see the „Enrollment password“ you chose
- You can give this information to your students if you want them to register for the class themselves
- The „Class ID“ number is always visible on your home page by the title of the class
- You can see the „Enrollment password“ by clicking the „Edit“ button



- After creating a class / classes your home page should look something like this:

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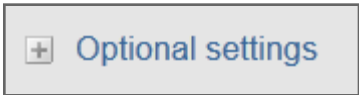
+ Add Class

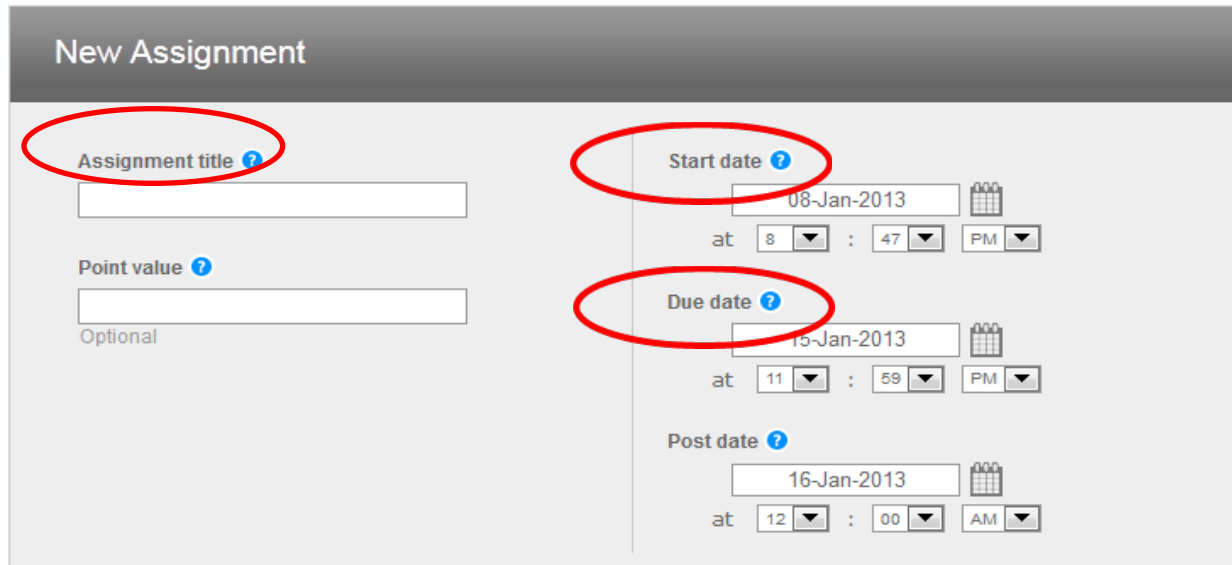
All ClassesExpired ClassesActive Classes

Class ID	Class name	Status	Statistics	Edit	Copy	Delete
5570037	Heimildaleitir í gagnasöfnum	active				
5941719	Kennsla í Turnitin	active				

- You can view class statistics
- You can copy a class if you want to create another one just like it
- You can edit the class settings or delete classes

# Creating an assignment within a class

- To create an assignment you need to click the appropriate class and click on the  button
- This window pops up:
- Choose ...
  - a title for the assignment
  - start date and due date
- Fill in the rest only if you're using "Grade Mark"
- Click on  to choose the settings for the "Originality Report"



- In the window „Special Instructions“ you can provide your students with instructions on this assignment
- You can decide if you want to allow submissions after the due date:

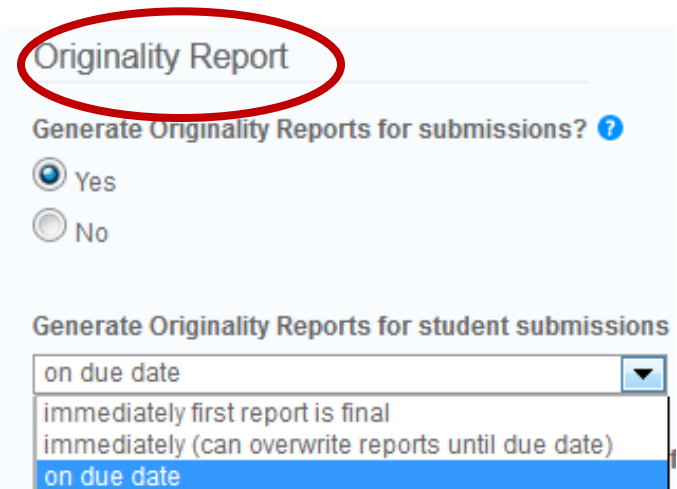
Allow submissions after the due date? ?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Now define your settings for the „Originality Report“:

- Do you want an „Originality Report“ to be created when an assignment is submitted?
- When do you want the report to be created?
  - immediately, first report is final
  - immediately, but overwrites until due date if an assignment is submitted more than once
  - a report is created on due date





## Defining settings for „Originality Report“ (cont.):

- Exclude bibliographic materials?
- Exclude quoted materials?
- Exclude „small“ matches? (according to instructors definitions)
  - if „yes“ this window pops up:

Exclude matches by:\*

☒ Word Count:  words

☐ Percentage:  %

Exclude bibliographic materials from Similarity Index for all papers in this assignment? ?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Exclude quoted materials from Similarity Index for all papers in this assignment? ?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Exclude small matches? ?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Allow students to see Originality Reports? ?

☐ Yes

☒ No

- Allow students to see the report?

- Should papers be submitted to a repository or not?
  - The benefits of submitting a student paper to a repository is that the paper is then checked against all papers within that repository
- What repositories and databases should the paper be matched with?
  - student paper repositories?
  - the internet?
  - periodicals, journals and other publications in databases?

Submit papers to: ?

standard paper repository ▼

standard paper repository

no repository

Search options: ?

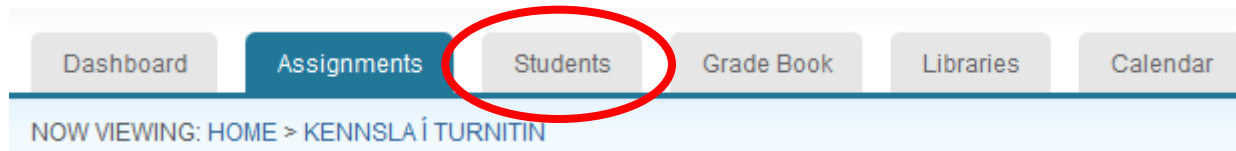
☒ Student paper repository

☒ Current and archived internet

☒ Periodicals, journals, & publications

# Adding students to Turnitin

To add students to a class click on the appropriate class on your homepage where you should see a command line with a number of tabs – choose the „Students“ tab:



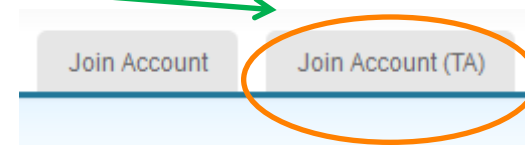
- There are two ways to add students to a class:

- enter students one by one
- uploading a student list
  - » the list can be a Word, Excel or text file (Excel is recommended, f.ex. Excel list from MySchool)
  - » the list needs to include first name, surname and e-mail address
- in each case students receive an e-mail from the system and need to follow instructions to get access (new users)
- if your students are already using Turnitin the e-mail only states that they have been entered in a new class in Turnitin



# Adding TA's to your class

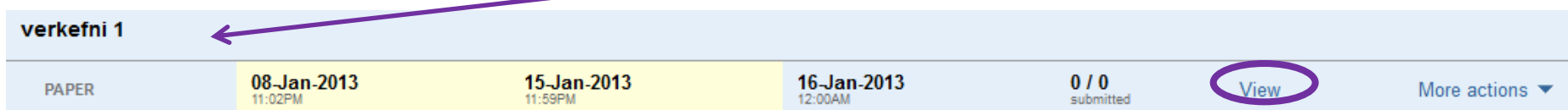
- A TA needs to be registered as an instructor by the institutions' administrator
- To add a TA to your class you need to create a „Master Class“ and then either have your TA join the relevant class/account or add him to a class/account yourself through the „Join Account (TA)“ tab
- The other „Join Account“ tab is intended for joining accounts or classes that are being taught simultaneously within different schools or departments



1. Submitting a paper
2. Waiting for the report to be generated (1-5 min.)
3. Viewing the ***Originality Report***
4. Different ways of viewing
  - an overview of matches
  - a break down of matches
  - filters and settings
  - exclusion of resources

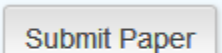
# Submitting a paper

To submit a paper to *Turnitin* you need to click on the appropriate class and choose the right assignment to submit to:



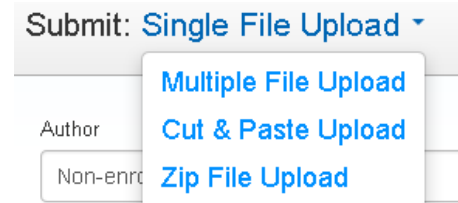
A screenshot of the Turnitin interface showing a list of assignments. The first assignment is 'verkefni 1'. A purple arrow points from the text 'choose the right assignment to submit to:' to this assignment. The table has columns for the assignment name, submission dates, and a 'View' button which is circled in purple. There is also a 'More actions' dropdown menu.

verkefni 1	08-Jan-2013 11:02PM	15-Jan-2013 11:59PM	16-Jan-2013 12:00AM	0 / 0 submitted	<a href="#">View</a>	More actions ▼
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Click on „**View**“ which takes you into the assignment and then click the  button

- You can submit assignments in four ways:

- uploading a single file
- cut and paste your text into a special window
- uploading multiple files (similar to attaching files to an e-mail)
- uploading a Zip-file (up to 200 Mb eða 1000 files)
- files can be Word, WordPerfect, HTML, TXT, RTF, PDF formats
- individual files can be 20 Mb but pure text files 2 Mb



# Submitting a paper




- When a paper has been submitted you get a receipt stating that the submission is complete
  - that can take a few minutes to generate an originality report depending on the file size

Congratulations - your submission is complete! This is your digital receipt. You can print a copy of this receipt from within the Document Viewer.

- On the assignments' web page you have an overview of assignments that have been processed and you also see the percentages of matches with Turnitin databases

verkefni 1

INBOX | NOW VIEWING: NEW PAPERS ▼




Submit Paper		GradeMark Report   Edit assignment settings						
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUTHOR	TITLE	SIMILARITY	GRADE	RESPONSE	FILE	PAPER ID	DATE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dýrason, Bambi	Um höfundarétt	27% 		•		296197898	08-Jan-2013

# Viewing the „Originality Report“

- To view the „Originality Report“ you need to click on the „Similarity“ percentage for each student

verkefni 1

INBOX | NOW VIEWING: NEW PAPERS ▼

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# Deciphering the „Originality Report“

The paper pops up in the „Document Viewer“ window

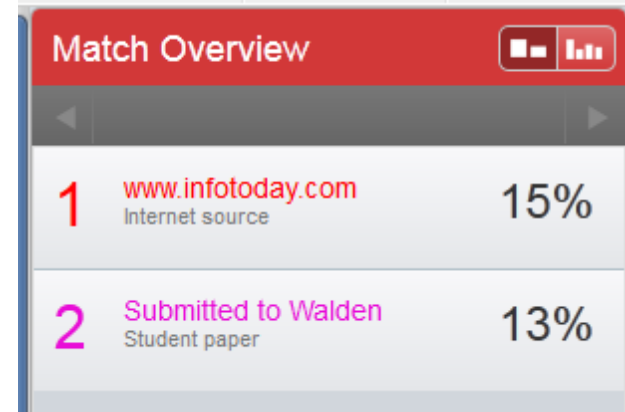
- on the left is the student paper where text which matches texts in the Turnitin databases is highlighted – different colors for each database
- on the right there is a list of databases which hold texts with the matched text in the student paper

Purdue University. Topics include fair use law, educational exceptions to copyright law,

and library copyright issues. U.S. legislation noted includes the <sup>1</sup>Digital Millennium

Copyright Act of 1998 (DMCA), the Copyright Term Extension Act of <sup>2</sup>1998 (CTEA), and


the Technology, Education, and Copyright Harmonization Act of 2002 (TEACH).

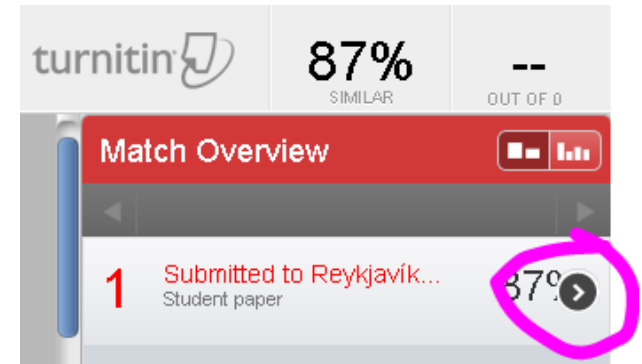
Match Overview		
		
1	www.infotoday.com Internet source	15%
2	Submitted to Walden Student paper	13%

- In the top right hand corner is the overall match percentage:

 **27%**  
SIMILAR

# Excluding resources from match

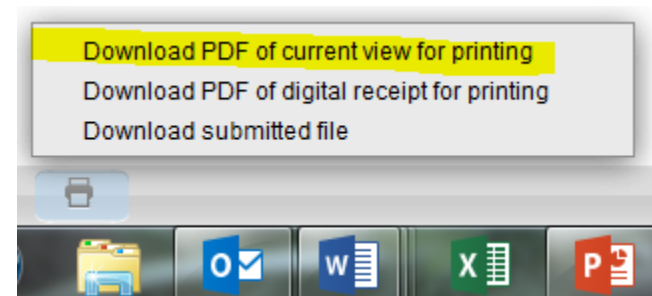
- You can exclude one or more resources from the match list and generate a new originality report
- Move the cursor to the resource that you want to exclude and click on the arrow that appears
- A „Match breakdown“ list opens
- Click the  button at the bottom of the list and check the resources you want to exclude
- A new match percentage is calculated



- A match between a paper and a resource does not necessarily mean plagiarism – it only shows a match
- It is up to you as an instructor to assess if a match constitutes plagiarism
- If citations and references are correct and according to the appropriate reference style a match might not be a case of plagiarism

# Saving „Originality Report“ in PDF form

- Open the class and click on „View“ to open the assignment in question
- Click the percentage number for the appropriate student and the originality report opens in a new window
- Click the printer sign in the bottom left corner to download the report in PDF form
- Choose „Download PDF of current view for printing“ (the download may take a while)
- Save the report and/or send by email



Turnitin arranges percentage matches on a color scale:

- **blue** – no match
- **green** – 0-24% match
- **yellow** – 25-49% match
- **orange** – 50-74% match
- **red** – 75-100% match

**It is the instructors' task to assess whether a match is a case of plagiarism or not!**



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- Help or ...  
**[http://turnitin.com/en\\_us/support/help-center](http://turnitin.com/en_us/support/help-center)**
- Video tutorials:
  - t.d. “Instructor Quick Start Guide”  
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  - myndskaið fyrir nemendur m.a. um verkefnaskil  
[http://www.turnitin.com/en\\_us/training/student-training](http://www.turnitin.com/en_us/training/student-training)

